The Hong Kong Daily Press.

No. 8211 號一十一百二千八第 日壹十二月三年十緒光 HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH, 1884. 禮拜三 號六十月四英港香 [PRICE $2½ PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 14, MOSSER, British steamer, 1,323, H. Longley, Saigon 10th April, Rice.—RUSSELL & Co.

April 14, AMOY, British steamer, 814, W. Potts, Newchwang 8th, Chefoo 10th April, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

April 15, PHRA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,011, Henry Stratton, Bangkok 8th April, Rice and General.—YUEN FAT HONG.

April 15, CAMORTA, Dutch str., 1,291, J. Orelli, Batavia via Singapore and Saigon 1st April, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, APRIL 15TH.

Kremlin, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Alwine, German steamer, for Canton.
Taichiow, British steamer, for Swatow.
Agamemnon, British steamer, for Amoy.
Billy Simpson, British bark, for Bangkok.
Paul Riviere, American ship, for Manila.
Camorta, Dutch steamer, for Amoy.

DEPARTURES.

April 15, DON JUAN, Spanish steamer, for Amoy.
April 15, CHRYSOLITE, British steamer, for Nagasaki.
April 15, MOUNT LEBANON, British bark, for Honolulu.
April 15, AMOY, British steamer, for Canton.
April 15, THAMES, British str., for Europe, &c.
April 15, DE BAY, British str., for Nagasaki.
April 15, AGAMEMNON, British str., for Amoy.
April 15, ALWINE, German steamer, for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Phra Chom Klao*, str., from Bangkok.—Messrs. Bonneville, and Medlecamp, and 126 Chinese.

Per *Camorta*, str., for Hongkong.—92 Chinese, 3 women, and 7 children. For Amoy.—27 Chinese, 1 woman, and 32 children.

DEPARTED.

Per *Thales*, str., for Swatow.—Mr. Tozlaff.

Per P. & O. str. *Thames* from Hongkong.—For Singapore.—H.E. Major-General Sargent, C.B., Lieut.-Col. Barton (Military Secretary), Lieut.-Col. Crawford, R.A., Deputy Surgeon-General Hungerford, A.M.D., Capt. Kahloke, Mrs. and the Misses Sargent, Mrs. N. Kwang Hop, Messrs. M. K. Katrak and Wa Sing. For Penang.—Mrs. Morrison, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Gottlich. For Marseilles.—Messrs. F. O. Scaton and Ed. George. For Plymouth.—Mr. and Mrs. R. Ellis and children. For Bombay.—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Lobo and native servant, Mr. Davur, Mr. S. D. Chapgur. For London.—Lieut. H. W. Sharp, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, Messrs. J. Tanabe and W. Anderson, two Chinese Secretaries (Chinese Legation). From Shanghai.—For Penang.—1 Chinese. For London.—Mrs. Tisdale, 3 children and nurse, Mrs. Brereton, 2 children and amah, Dr. and Mrs. Westwater, Mr. and Mrs. Weir, 3 children and amah, Miss Hughes, Messrs. H. W. Daniells, J. Pearson, Purcell, A. van Aalst, and C. Kloone, and 25 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Mosser* reports fine weather the first part; latterly thick and rainy.

The British steamer *Amoy* reports moderate N. winds with fine weather throughout. On the 13th instant, at 3 p.m., sighted the English mail steamer bound North 30 miles to the S. of Chapel Island.

The Dutch steamer *Camorta* reports left Batavia April 1st, arrived at Singapore on the 3rd, left again on the 5th for Saigon, and arrived there on the 8th. Left on the 11th for Hongkong. The whole passage fine weather. On the 12th April spoke a British barque showing WJQK in lat. 10 N., and long. 110.40 E.

The British steamer *Phra Chom Klao* reports from Koh-si-chang to the Parcels light easterly winds and fine weather; off Pulo Condore passed Company's steamer *Phra Chula Chom Klao*, bound to Bangkok; off Cape Padaran passed steamer *Lord of the Isles*, bound South. Parcels to port moderate N.E. winds and cloudy weather.

AMOY SHIPPING.

April—
ARRIVALS.
5, Bellerophon, British str., from Hongkong.
6, Hailoong, British str., from Hongkong.
7, Cristoforo Colombo, Italian corvette, from Hongkong.
7, Hock Po, Chinese gunboat, from Keelung.
7, Thales, British str., from Taiwanfoo.
7, Hermann, German bark, from Chefoo.
8, Emuy, Spanish str., from Hongkong.
8, Kwangtung, British str., from Hongkong.

April—
DEPARTURES.
5, Fokien, British str., for Hongkong.
5, Douglas, British str., for Swatow.
5, Seewo, British str., for Swatow.
5, Bellerophon, British str., for Shanghai.
6, Diamante, British str., for Hongkong.
7, Fly, British gunboat, for Hongkong.
7, Hailoong, British str., for Tamsui.
7, Thales, British str., for Swatow.
8, Occident, German bark, for Takao.
8, Kwangtung, British str., for Foochow.
9, Oscar Mooyer, German bark, for Takao.
9, Emuy, Spanish str., for Manila.
9, Cristoforo Colombo, Italian corvette, for Shanghai.
9, Stosch, German corvette, for Shanghai.

FOOCHOW SHIPPING.

April—
ARRIVALS.
1, Hae Shin, Chinese str., from Shanghai.
1, Douglas, British str., from Hongkong.
4, Flying Fish, British sloop, from a cruise.

March—
DEPARTURES.
29, Foxhound, British boat, for a cruise.
30, Kwangtung, British str., for Hongkong.
30, Takn, British str., for Shanghai.

April—
1, Minna, British bark, for Tientsin.
3, Douglas, British str., for Hongkong.
3, Hae Shin, Chinese str., for Pescadores.

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Their own Blend of SCOTCH WHISKY, Highland Mist.

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The ROYAL CHAMPAGNE, used by Her Majesty the Queen.

These among other items are always to be had at the Godowns of our Friends

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai.

SIEMSSEN & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong.

We maintain quality, and our prices are consistent therewith and at the same time reasonable. [2096

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1884.

TO BE LET.

TO LET.

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Hongkong, 11th April, 1884. [754

TO BE LET.

NO. 2, DOUGLAS VILLAS, CAINE ROAD.

Also,

No. 6, UPPER MOSQUE TERRACE.

Possession from 1st May.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1884. [723

TO LET.

ROOMS in CLUB CHAMBERS.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [28

TO BE LET.

TWO ROOMS FURNISHED.

Apply on the Premises.

No. 1, DUDDELL STREET.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1884. [699

TO LET.

NOS. 3, 7, and 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.

No. 7, GARDEN ROAD, (known as HARPERVILLE.

No. 25B, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, 28th June, 1883. [27

TO LET.

OFFICES at No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL, facing the Harbour on Ground Floor of Block occupied by the Messageries Maritimes. Apply to

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co., No. 6, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1884. [691

TO BE LET.

THE DETACHED RESIDENCE known as "BELLEVUE." Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1884. [724

STORAGE.

THE Undersigned are Prepared to take COAL and GOODS of all descriptions, on STORAGE, at reduced rates. Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1884. [727

TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

HOUSE No. 27, ELGIN TERRACE. Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1884. [714

TO BE LET.

NO. 9, MOSQUE TERRACE.

HOUSES in SPRING GARDENS, at moderate Rentals.

GODOWNS, EAST and WEST POINTS. Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1884. [334

TO BE LET.

LARGE and SMALL COAL GODOWNS at Wanchai, with Water Frontage. Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1884. [98

TO BE LET.

From 1st April, 1884.

THE PREMISES now occupied by Mr. Rahemoobhoy Habibhoy, No. 46, in Lyndhurst Terrace. Apply to H. M. M. ALLY & Co.

Hongkong, 29th February, 1884. [459

COALS TAKEN ON STORAGE at moderate terms. Apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1884. [270

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

Goods received on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in First-class Godowns.

Also

Entire GODOWNS to be LET Apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1881. [1057

TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by us No. 11, Queen's Road Central.

For Further Particulars, apply to Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1883. [30

TO LET, "ROCKLANDS," Robinson Road. Apply to M. STEPHENS, Solicitor, No. 18, Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1884. [647

TO BE LET.

A FURNISHED HOUSE in one of the TERRACES.

For Particulars address J. D. B., Care of "Daily Press" Office.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1884. [651

MAIL TABLES.

THE TABLE of ARRIVALS and DEPARTURES of ENGLISH and FRENCH MAILS at and from LONDON and HONGKONG will be found in "THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY," p. 401 of large edition, p. 349, small edition.

Separate Copies, with Anglo-Chinese Calendar can be had at 10 Cents each or $1 per dozen.

"Daily Press" Office,

1st February, 1884. [281

THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & B. TENNENT, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID CORSAR & SONS, Arbroath.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, January, 1884. [90

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ..... $5,000,000.
INSTALMENT received on NEW SHARES ..... $2,074,744.75.
$7,074,744.75.
RESERVED FUND ..... $2,500,000.
INSTALMENTS of PREMIUM received on NEW SHARES ..... $1,563,361.66.
$4,063,361.66.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1884. [7

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER).

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At 3 Months' Notice, 3 per Cent. per Annum.
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Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

J. MELVILLE MATSON, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1882. [8

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP of "STEPHENS & HOLMES" hitherto existing having THIS DAY expired by effluxion of Time, Mr. STEPHENS will from This Date carry on Business alone in his own name and Mr. HOLMES will from This Date also carry on Business alone in his own name.

MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS.
HENRY J. HOLMES.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1884. [674

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP between Messrs. STEPHENS AND HOLMES having expired on 31st March, 1884, I have THIS DAY REMOVED my Office to No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, opposite Pedder's Street.

MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1884. [690

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP between Messrs. STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors, terminated on the 31st March, 1884, and the undersigned will continue to practice in his own name at No. 24, Queen's Road, adjoining the Hongkong Dispensary.

HENRY J. HOLMES.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1884. [675

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

MR. SAMUEL J. GOWER has THIS DAY been appointed SECRETARY to the above Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. R. BELILIOS, Chairman.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1884. [678

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES ALEXANDER TOMES is authorized to sign our name by Procuration, in Hongkong, from this date.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1884. [662

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR. THOMAS ARNOLD will act as SECRETARY of the above Company until further notice.

E. R. BELILIOS, Chairman.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1884. [430

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

SUIT No. 26 of 1884.

IN RE NG SANG.—Deceased.

BETWEEN—Father SAINZ.—PLAINTIFF.
CHING FUNG KONG and NG TAT CHO.—DEFENDANTS.

TAKE NOTICE that the above Estate is being administered under the direction of the Court and that EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, Registrar of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, has been appointed the Receiver and Manager of the above Estate, and that all persons indebted to the said Estate are to make immediate payment to him and any person having any property of the above Estate is hereby requested to give full particulars thereof to the Undersigned.

Dated the 8th day of April, 1884.

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NOTE.—This Firm is the oldest established of the kind in Hongkong, and has no connection with any other of similar hong name.

SUN SHING [1610

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from M. SALAMON, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction,

THIS DAY,
the 16th April, 1884, at 2 P.M.,
at his Residence, No. 49, Wyndham Street,
THE WHOLE OF HIS
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,
Comprising:—

ENGLISH-MADE WALNUT DRAWING ROOM SUITE, ~~NINGPO INLAID CENTRE TABLE~~, CHIMNEY GLASSES, PICTURES, and GASALIERS. GENUINE KOREAN VASES, ENAMELLED PLATES, KINLOONG PORCELAIN and other ORNAMENTS.

ROUND TABLE, SIDEBOARD WHATNOT, DINNER, DESSERT and COFFEE SETS, GLASS and PLATED WARE.

Double and Single IRON BEDSTEADS, WARDROBE, CHEST OF DRAWERS, TOILET TABLE and GLASS, MARBLE TOP WASHSTAND.

1 TELESCOPE and Stand complete, with Night and Eclipse Glasses.

1 BEETHOVEN ORGAN, 24 stops Kneeswells, &c., &c., &c.

☞ Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1884. [763

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

THIS DAY,
the 16th April, 1884, at 4 P.M., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road.

Two MANILA PONIES.
One CARRIAGE, Complete, and
One Set SINGLE HARNESS, nearly new.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1884. [771

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW,
the 17th April, 1884, at 2 P.M., at No. 2, Club Chambers.

The FURNITURE, BAR, BILLIARD TABLES, &c., belonging to the HONGKONG ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE,

Comprising:—

Two BILLIARD TABLES, with Balls and Cues, &c., Complete, GLASS BOOK CASE, TABLES, ARM CHAIRS, BAR, GLASS WARE, WHATNOTS, CUPBOARD, KEROSINE LAMPS and CHANDELIERS, MARBLE TOP WASHSTAND, WRITING TABLE, and CARD TABLES.

A COTTAGE PIANO.

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1884. [701

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, at the Residence of M. J. D. STEPHENS, Esq., Rocklands, Robinson Road, on

TUESDAY,
the 22nd April, 1884, at 2 P.M.,
HIS ENGLISH & CHINESE FURNITURE,
Comprising:—

WALNUT CRETONNE COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, MARBLE TOP CONSUL TABLE, MIRRORS, CARPETS, LACE CURTAINS, CORNICES, &c.

DINING TABLE, WHATNOT, CHAIRS, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, ELECTRO PLATED WARE, &c.

IRON BEDSTEADS, MAHOGANY WARDROBE with Mirror Front, MARBLE TOP WASHSTAND, and DRESSING TABLE, &c.

ALSO

A ROSEWOOD COTTAGE PIANO, by R. H. LUNAU, and a collection of Choice PLANTS IN POTS.

TERMS.—As usual.

Catalogues will be issued, and the Furniture be on view the day previous to the Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1884. [746

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. J. M. ARMSTRONG has received instructions from EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esq., the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, pursuant to a Decree dated the 31st day of March, 1884, made in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its Original Jurisdiction in suit No. 119 of 1883, between EMANUEL RAPHAEL BELILIOS, Plaintiff, and AARON NISSIM JUDAH, Defendant, to Sell by Public Auction, all that

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate in Shelley Street and Mosque Junction, Victoria, Hongkong, on

WEDNESDAY,
the 30th April, 1884, at 2.30 P.M., at the Premises, in two Lots, viz:—

Lot 1.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND situate at Victoria aforesaid, measuring on the North 70 feet, on the South 70 feet, on the East 75 feet, and on the West 75 feet; registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 341, and held for the residue of a term of 999 years subject to the Annual Crown Rent of £1.0.0. and

Also All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND situate at Victoria aforesaid, measuring on the North 70 feet, on the South 70 feet 6 inches, on the East 36 feet, and on the West 29 feet; registered in the Land Office as The Remaining Portion of Island Lot No. 342, and held for the residue of a term of 999 years, subject to the due proportion of the Annual Crown Rent of the whole Lot. Together with the Five HOUSES known as Nos. 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23, Shelley Street, thereon.

And,

Lot 2.—All that Piece of GROUND situate at Victoria aforesaid, measuring on the North 16 feet and 9 inches, on the South 16 feet and 9 inches, on the East 50 feet, and on the West 50 feet; registered in the Land Office as Section E of INLAND LOT No. 392, and held for the residue of a term of 999 years, subject to the due proportion of the Annual Crown Rent of the whole Lot, and

Also All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND situate at Victoria aforesaid, measuring on the North 17 feet and 5 inches or thereabouts, on the South 17 feet and 5 inches or thereabouts, on the East 50 feet, or thereabouts; and on the West 50 feet or thereabouts; registered in the Land Office as Section D of Inland Lot No. 392, subject to the due proportion of the Annual Crown Rent of the whole Lot. Together with the Two HOUSES known as No. 15, and 17, Mosque Junction, thereon.

These Lots will be sold subject to the existing lettings and tenancies thereof.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

BRERETON, WOTTON, & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Plaintiff,
35, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
or to
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1884. [776

GEORGE GOULET CHAMPAGNE.

PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th January, 1884. [101 759]

INTIMATIONS.

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GENERAL MANAGERS:
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HEAD OFFICE,
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ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

THE above Company has, been established at Manila for the purpose of taking over the Spanish Steamers "LUZON," "VISAYAS," "ESTRELLA," "SORSOGON," "CAMIGUIN" and "BOLINAO," all of which, with the exception of the "BOLINAO," are now employed in the coasting trade of the Philippine Islands.

The Steamers now running are all in perfect order, having recently been thoroughly overhauled.

After writing off 10 per cent. of the profits for depreciation, and paying 12 per cent. for Insurance, a Dividend of 18 per cent. was paid to the Shareholders in the above mentioned Steamers during the past year, and it is expected that a still more profitable business will result under the influence of larger Capital and consequent additions to the Fleet.

The new Steamer "BOLINAO," built by the ABERDEEN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY of Paisley, and now on her way out, has been specially constructed to enter the shallow rivers of Dagupan and Capiz, with a carrying capacity of 250 Tons dead-weight, being the only Steamer in the Philippine trade of her capacity and draft.

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Considering the handsome result obtained during the past year and the good prospects for future trade in the Philippine Islands, combined with the possibility of obtaining a Government subvention in the new mail contracts to be offered next year, it is reasonably expected that a still better result will follow.

The responsibility of Shareholders is limited to the nominal amount of their shares.

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PHILIPPINE STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

MESSRS. BIRCHAL, ROBINSON & Co., MANILA.

DEAR SIRS,

In conformity with the Prospectus of the above Company, I beg to request you to note my application for ..... Shares, or any less number, of $100 each; the first call of $10 per Share on those alloted to me, will be paid on presentation of the scrip; and the remainder on 30th April, 1884.

Name and address in full .....

Date .....

Hongkong, 4th April, 1884. [715

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE.—LO WAI NAM, lately residing at the "Tung Hing" Theatre, Victoria, Hongkong, Trader, having been adjudged Bankrupt, under a Petition of Adjudication filed by JOSE MARIA GURDES, in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in Bankruptcy, on the 16th day of February, 1884, is hereby required to surrender himself to EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, the Registrar of the said Court, at the First Meeting of Creditors, to be held by the said Registrar, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th day of April, 1884, at 11 o'clock, in the forenoon precisely, at his Chambers, Supreme Court.

The said EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, is the Official Assignee, and Messrs. DENNYS & MOSSOP are the Solicitors in the Bankruptcy.

All persons indebted to the said Bankrupt or who have any property or effects of his in their possession, are hereby warned not to pay or deliver the same except to the said Assignee.

A Public Sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupt to pass his final examination and to make application for his Discharge, of which Sitting Notice will be given in the *Hongkong Government Gazette*.

At the First Meeting of Creditors, the Registrar will receive the proofs of the Debts of the Creditors, and the Creditors, who shall have proved their debts respectively, or the majority in value of the said Creditors, are hereby directed to choose at such meeting an Assignee or Assignees of the Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, to be called the Creditors' Assignee or Assignees.

Dated the 4th day of April, 1884.

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1884. [774

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX O.S.S. CO.'S S.S. "AGAMEMNON." FROM LIVERPOOL.

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Hongkong, 15th April, 1884. [770

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Hongkong, 15th April, 1884. [770

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Hongkong, 10th April, 1884. [748

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hongkong, 28th February, 1884. [448

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Hongkong, 15th April, 1884. [773

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the matter of POON TAT PONG of Nos. 49 and 51, Queen's Road Central, carrying on business there under the name of SAM HING STULTZ, Tailor.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above Estate will be held at the Office of the Registrar, Supreme Court House, on THURSDAY, the 24th day of April, 1884, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving and passing the Accounts of the Official Assignee and of declaring a Second Dividend.

EDW. J. ACKROYD, Registrar.

Dated 15th April, 1884. [775

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Hongkong, 15th April, 1884. [772

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, the 19th instant, at 2.30 P.M. to consider the Amended Stamp Act.

W. KESWICK, Chairman.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1884. [762

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 16TH, 1884.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 9th inst. a Bill was introduced entitled "the Criminal Procedure Amendment Ordinance, 1884." This Bill makes several minor alterations in the existing law, but its main and only really important object is to do away with the necessity of giving a prisoner any specified time in which to prepare his defence. Ordinance 3 of 1865 provides that any person to be placed on his trial in the Supreme Court shall be served with a copy of the information on which he is to be tried five days at least before the day fixed for the trial. By the new Bill it is proposed to do away with that provision, and, if it be carried, a person may, for any provision there is to the contrary, be charged at the Police Court in the morning, be committed, and in the afternoon be tried at the Supreme Court and sentenced to penal servitude for life, or to death for that matter He is still to be served with a copy of the information, but the requirements of the law will be complied with if he be so served immediately before the hearing. That such an amendment of the law should have been thought of is not a little surprising. The Attorney-General, in introducing the Bill, explained that it was suggested solely by considerations of convenience—not the convenience of the prisoner of course, but of the witnesses who were to give evidence against him. They might want to leave the colony before the time within which a prisoner can, under the existing law, be tried; therefore the law is to be amended. The Attorney-General says there is no doubt the ordinary procedure of the Court, without the provision it is proposed to repeal, will be amply sufficient to secure the prisoner all due and proper notice, such as will be material to enable him to do justice to his case. This means that if a man wishes a little time to prepare his defence he may make special application for it, and, if the Court sees fit to grant it, well and good, but he will obtain it as a privilege and not as a right. It will strike most people, we think, that five days is not an excessive time to allow a man charged with a serious criminal offence to prepare for his trial, and in nothing is indecent haste to be so much deprecated as in the criminal procedure of our courts. The inconvenience complained of is that sometimes a much longer period than five days must elapse before a person can be tried. For instance, a person committed just before the holding of any sessions cannot, in consequence of the necessity of giving him so many days' notice, be tried at the impending sessions, and the case would, in ordinary course, have to stand over for more than a month, until the next sessions came on. This, no doubt, is inconvenient; it might happen that the whole of the crew of a vessel were required as witnesses, and it is always a hardship to the parties interested to detain a vessel after she is ready to leave. Other cases of a similar nature will readily suggest themselves. It must be borne in mind, however, that such delay is not absolutely unavoidable. A special sessions can be held at any time when circumstances render it necessary or desirable. It may be argued that the holding of a special sessions is another inconvenience, but when convenience and justice dictate different courses there can be no doubt as to which ought to carry the decision. The Attorney-General is of opinion that the ordinary procedure of the Court will afford the prisoner sufficient protection, and it must be allowed that the probability of any actual injustice being done under the proposed new law is a very remote one. The question of principle, however, remains the same; the Legislature ought to avoid the possibility of injustice and not be satisfied with the mere improbability of its occurring. It is not a light thing to take away a right from an accused person and substitute for it the mere discretion of the Court, however great may be the confidence felt in that discretion. As to the difficulties said to exist under the existing law, we think they might be disposed of by a less drastic measure than the one proposed. It is provided in Ordinance 3 of 1865 that a person in custody at the opening or during any Criminal Session may waive notice and be tried thereat if he express a desire to that effect and no special objection is offered on the part of the Crown. At one time a practice sprang up of notifying prisoners of this provision and in effect asking them if they were willing to waive notice. On their doing so the case was brought for trial at once if the Sessions were proceeding; and it may be taken for granted that in most instances, at least in those where the accused is guilty, he will be glad to get his trial over as soon as possible. Sir JOHN SMALE, however, the then Chief Justice, decided that the practice was objectionable; that the request to be tried at once should come from the accused in the first instance and not be suggested to him. To meet the inconvenience referred to by the Attorney-General the law might perhaps be so amended as to provide that a prisoner shall, upon being served with a copy of the information on which he is to be tried, be notified he is entitled to a certain number of days' delay in the trial if he desires it. If he do desire it, and the witnesses cannot conveniently remain in the colony until the subsequent sessions, then the sessions proceeding at the time might be adjourned until a day when the requisite notice will have expired, or a special sessions might be arranged. It has been decided, we believe, that a person committed within the specified number of days of the holding of the sessions cannot be tried at those sessions although they may last until longafter the notice has run out. This strikes us as a mere legal quibble, and if it were removed the necessity the Attorney-General sees for depriving the accused of so many days' notice of the charge on which he is to be tried would disappear.

We are requested to state that the usual Thursday garden party at Government House will not take place this week.

Mr. A. G. Romano, Consul for Brazil, has consented temporarily to take charge of the Portuguese Consulate, Mr. Loureiro having left here on Sunday for Japan.

The last issue of the London *Gazette* contains the following announcement:—"The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).—Lieut. David F. Lewis to be Captain, *vice* R. W. McG. Martin, retired.

Lieut. R. L. Retallack, The Buffs, who left Hongkong some time ago as a probationer for the Indian Staff Corps, returned by the last P. and O. steamer. Lieut. Retallack returns to duty with The Buffs.

The German steamer *Welle* and the British bark *Alice Muir* were docked at Samshui-po and the American barque *M. P. Tucker* at Aberdeen yesterday. The O. & O. steamer *Oceanic* leaves the Aberdeen dock and the Spanish steamer *Francisco Reyes*, the German gunboat *Wolf*, and the American barque *Spartan* leave the Cosmopolitan dock to-day.

At the Supreme Court yesterday Mr. Godfrey C. C. Master, late of 64, Sutherland Gardens, Middlesex, was, on the motion of the Attorney-General, admitted to practice as a solicitor in this colony, Mr. Master having gained his certificate, which was produced, in England. We understand that Mr. Master has been engaged by the firm of Messrs. Sharp, Johnson, and Stokes.

Major-General Sargent left the colony by the P. and O. steamer *Thames* yesterday afternoon to make his annual inspection of the forces at the Straits Settlements. His Excellency was accompanied by Col. Barton, Military Secretary, Lieut.-Col. Crawford, R.A., and Deputy Surgeon-General Hungerford, Mrs. and the Misses Sargent also going with him. His Excellency was received by a guard of honour of 50 men and the band of the Buffs at the wharf, and a salute was fired by the Shore Battery.

Return of Visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending April 13th, 1884:—

	EUROPEAN.	CHINESE.
Monday	24	293
Tuesday	53	246
Wednesday	48	332
Thursday	22	278
Friday	Holiday	Holiday
Saturday	18	157
Sunday	none	none
	165	1,321

The inquest opened on Saturday on the body of the stonecutter who was killed at a quarry on Pokfulum-road on Friday, was concluded to-day with the evidence of the man who set the stone in motion down the slide. The jury, Messrs. C. Boreham, A. J. Pereira, and F. A. dos Remedios, found a verdict of accidental death, and at their desire the Coroner reprimanded some of the witnesses for ascribing the whole blame of the catastrophe to the witness mentioned above, without any apparently sufficient reason.

The last new speculation in New York is in tea. With military operations going on in Tonquin and the possibility of a blockade of the Treaty Ports, tea which is not yet formed in the leaf on the trees in China has been sold already in millions of pounds for delivery six or eight months hence. A report quoted in their circular by Messrs. J. C. Sillar and Co. thus describes the gamble:—"The interval has witnessed some of the most extraordinary changes in the market that we have yet had to chronicle. With the ordinary number of 'prophets after the event,' we believe that no one is bold enough seriously to lay claim to have anticipated in any approximate measure the rapid advances, the heavy blocks of tea changing hand, and the excitement steadily sustained and only shifting from one kind to another. A good business at full and somewhat advancing prices was generally and reasonably looked for. Statistics were in favour of it, the conservative policy of receivers also favoured it, and the country had not, it was judged, stocked up sufficiently heavily during the latter part of 1883 to prevent a repetition of the brisk demand during January and February to which late years had accustomed us. But we commenced the year with one factor the power of which was little realized. About the middle of January a movement was initiated on the exchange whereby Japans were rapidly pushed up, and all that was offered was eagerly taken for future delivery at constantly advancing prices. Towards the close black teas have attracted the attention, and if the advance has not been quite as great as yet, it has been even more rapid."

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 13th April.

CAPTURE OF HUNG-HOA.

It is announced from Paris that the French troops have bombarded Hung-hoa, and that after setting fire to the town, the garrison fled without offering any resistance.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE SERGEANTS OF "THE BUFFS."

A large number of the community were most hospitably entertained on Monday evening at a very successful ball given by the Sergeant-Major and Sergeants of The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) in the Recreation Room at the North Barracks. The Ball had, in consequence of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, been postponed from the 4th inst., but fortunately, though thus driven rather late into the season, the weather had not become oppressive, and it was evidently not too warm for the guests to enjoy a good long programme of dances. The room is long and fairly spacious, and the large stretch of verandah surrounding it on three sides was so utilised that it was transformed into most commodious and comfortable rooms for supper, for resting between the dances, for the refreshment department, and for cloak rooms, whilst the Garrison Theatre afforded most ample accommodation for smokers and whist players. The dancing room was handsomely and appropriately decorated, and the work of adorning its walls must have cost much time and labour. The general effect was exceedingly bright and cheerful. The end facing the entrance was covered entirely with silver paper, and large curtains of flags were hung on either side, whilst a fine mirror was placed in the middle. At this end drums and arms were piled, mixed with pot plants, and the expanse of silvered wall was studded with devices of arms, and scrolls bearing the names of the places at which the regiment has gained honours. Along the sides of the walls a kind of dado of flags was placed, about five feet high, and along the top they were draped all round by the same materials in a very artistic manner. On the side walls between the windows and doorways were stars and devices of swords, bayonets, ramrods, the names of 52 places where the regiment has earned its renown, &c., and the doors and windows were all curtained with flags. Amid all these other decorations were mingled lighted lamps with reflectors, which gave the whole a brilliant appearance. The lower end of the room was covered with trophies of Zulu arms and equipments, forming a highly interesting collection. Overhead, running the entire length of the room, were hung two rows of large glass lanterns, ornamented with various devices, which had a very pleasing effect. The appearance of the ante room was such that no one could imagine that it was the verandah, so effectually was it transformed. It was well carpeted, and furnished with an abundance of chairs, couches, ottomans, &c., forming altogether a most pleasant retreat between the dances. The supper room was the verandah on the harbour side of the building, along the entire length of which were tables most tastefully laid, whilst the supper was worthy of its serving. The guests included His Excellency the Governor with the Misses Bowen, His Excellency Major-General Sargent with Mrs. and the Misses Sargent, Colonel and Mrs. Graves, Colonel Barton, Hon. P. Ryrie, most of the officers of the garrison, Major Tripp and most of the officers of the Hongkong Volunteers, Capt. Johnston, R.N., and several other Naval officers, and a fair sprinkling of civilians. The proportion of ladies was larger than at usual Hongkong balls. The ballwas admirably managed, and passed off with great *éclat*, dancing being maintained with spirit to the end. The following was the programme of dances:—

Quadrille.....Royal Irish.
Valse.....As the Ferry.
Mazurka.....Silks and Satins.
Lancers.....Original.
Schottische.....Silver Star.
Valse.....Kate Kearney.
Polka.....Drink, Puppy, Drink.
Mazurka.....Azalea.
Caledonians.....La Palais de L'Industrie.
Valse.....My Queen.
Highland Schottische.....

SUPPER.

Polka.....Christmas.
Schottische.....Karkloof.
Quadrille.....Lights O' London.
Valse.....Messenger of Love.
Mazurka.....Pour Prendre Congé.
Lancers.....Varsity.
Schottische.....Love.
Caledonians.....Hit and Miss.
Valse.....Soldaten Lieder.
Quadrille.....La Mascotte.
Galop.....You and I.

THE PROPOSED NEW ORGAN FOR ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

The following specification and estimate for the proposed new organ for St. John's Cathedral by Messrs. J. W. Walker & Sons, of Tottenham Court Road, London, the well known organ builders, will be perused with interest by our musical readers and those who attend the Cathedral:—

DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION OF AN ORGAN FOR HONGKONG CATHEDRAL.

All the interior mechanism and construction to be of the most approved and modern character and of the best materials and workmanship in order to withstand the variations of temperature of the Chinese climate.

All soundboards, tables, sliders and upperboards to be constructed of the best well-seasoned mahogany and to be provided in the lower octaves with split pallets in order to lighten the touch.

All the couplers to be on the improved backfall principle, rendering it immaterial whether the manuals are being used, when drawn out or pushed in.

The leather of bellows and pallets to be specially treated to withstand injury by insects, &c.

All the ironwork of drawstop and composition action to be of the best wrought iron and black japanned, with turned centres, tapt pins, and buttons.

All interior metal pipes above tenor C to be of the best spotted metal of substantial thickness, and from tenor C to CC of hard zinc.

* All wooden pipes to be carefully rivetted, and all other parts of the action to be painted or varnished in order to protect them from damp.

All pipes, both wood and metal, carefully voiced, tuned, and regulated so as to be of a full and mellow quality of tone.

The instrument to be enclosed in a neatly designed case of wainscot oak with slightly decorated front, speaking pipes of hard zinc, and the whole delivered to the docks in London carefully packed in cases with glued-joints and bound with hoop iron, the more delicate parts in tin-lined cases to prevent injury, for the net cash sum of £1,635, exclusive of packing, freight, insurance, and all other charges. Our usual terms of payment are as follows:—Half the amount of estimate to be remitted with the order, and the balance payable to us on our presentation of the bills of lading. The cost of packing we estimate at 10 per cent. on the amount of estimate.

J. W. WALKER & SONS.

* Note by Mr. Sangster.—No wooden pipes except below Tenor C, especially stipulated for.

ESTIMATE (SPECIFICATION) OF AN ORGAN FOR HONGKONG CATHEDRAL.
(Prepared under special details and instructions received from Mr. C. F. A. Sangster.)

GREAT ORGAN.
Compass *CC* to *A* in alto.

	Stops.	Pipes.	Tone.
1	Double Diapason	58	16 ft.
2	Open Diapason	58	8 ft.
3	Horn Diapason	58	8 ft.
4	Stop'd Diapason / Wald Flute treble	58	4 ft.
5	Principal	58	4 ft.
6	Harmonic Flute	58	4 ft.
7	Twelfth	58	2⅔ ft.
8	Fifteenth	58	2 ft.
9	Mixture 3 ranks	174	—
10	Posaune	58	8 ft.
11	Clarion	58	4 ft.

SWELL-ORGAN.
Compass *CC* to *A* in alto.

	Stops.	Pipes.	Tone.
1	Bourdon	58	16 ft.
2	Open Diapason	58	8 ft.
3	Stop'd Diapason	58	8 ft.
4	Echo Gamba	58	8 ft.
5	Voix Celestes ten. C	40	8 ft.
6	Principal	58	4 ft.
7	Gemshorn	58	2 ft.
8	Mixture 3 ranks	174	—
9	Mixture 3 ranks	116	—
10	Horn	58	8 ft.
11	Hautboy	58	8 ft.
12	Vox Humana	58	8 ft.
13	Clarion	58	4 ft.

CHOIR ORGAN.
Compass *CC* to *A* in alto.

	Stops.	Pipes.	Tone.
1	Salcional	58	8 ft.
2	Dulciana	58	8 ft.
3	Lieblich Gedact	58	8 ft.
4	Flute	58	4 ft.
5	Gemshorn	58	4 ft.
6	Clarionet	58	8 ft.

PEDAL ORGAN.
Compass *CCC* to *F* tenor.

	Stops.	Pipes.	Tone.
1	Open Diapason	42	16 ft.
2	Bourdon	42	16 ft.
3	Principal	42	8 ft.
4	Quint	42	12 ft.
5	Trombone	42	16 ft.

3 Composition Pedals Great.
3 do. Swell.
Tremulant to Swell.

COUPLERS.

1 Swell to Pedals
2 Swell to Great
3 Great to Pedals
4 Choir to Pedals
5 Swell to Choir
6 Super-Octave / Swell to Great
7 Pedal Octave

J. W. WALKER & SONS.

SUPREME COURT.

April 15th.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE THE HON. SIR GEORGE PHILLIPPO, CHIEF JUSTICE.

IN RE HO ATIM, BANKRUPT.

Mr. Wotton and Mr. Dennys represented various of the creditors, and Mr. Arkcoll, from the office of Mr. Ewens, appeared for the debtor, who then came up for his discharge.

The Registrar of the Court, Mr. Ackroyd, said he had given notice to the bankrupt in this matter that as official assignee he should oppose his discharge on the grounds that when these debts were contracted he had no reasonable ground for expecting to be able to pay them, and that his bankruptcy was due to reckless speculation. Mr. Ackroyd referred to Article 142 of Ord. 5 of 1864. It was very difficult to say what constituted rash speculation, but there were one or two cases in reference to it, and in those it seemed to be left entirely to the opinion of the judge. The cases of Downes, Law Times 8, page 226, Bridlington, Law Times 14, page 277, and others were referred to, and Mr. Ackroyd thought that according to those authorities the bankrupt had been guilty of rash and hazardous speculations, and that at the time of contracting the debts he had no reasonable expectation of being able to pay the same. The cases he had cited were those of traders dealing in the ordinary course of business, but the case of Ho Atim was worse, for according to his own statement he had little or nothing when he commenced these speculations, and the first purchase he made was some property in Gilman's Bazaar, at $500,000. To do this with he had only $10,000 and he borrowed $44,000 to enable him to pay the purchase money, $50,000. He had afterwards purchased other properties, borrowing to pay the bargain money as in that case, and he had spent in brokers' and solicitors' fees $80,000, a very large sum for a person not in trade, and for one who had no means of paying the same. Mr. Ackroyd did not think it would be sufficient to say that perhaps he had no fraudulent intention at the time—that was not the charge—it was that he incurred these debts when he had no reasonable expectation of being able to pay them. The purchases were not made for real and proper investment, but were really gambling speculations made on account of the small sums paid as purchase money, in the hope of realising a larger sum for the property. Under all the circumstances, and looking at the cases cited, he thought he was only performing his duty in opposing the discharge of the bankrupt.

His Lordship remarked that this was not the first case of the kind that had occurred; in a previous case the certificate of the bankrupt had been suspended.

Mr. Dennys said the Registrar had put before the Court the main objections in the case, but he would also call attention to the fact that no accounts whatever were kept the debtor not being a trader, it could not be expected that he would keep regular books, but his clients had advanced large sums of money to the bankrupt, and there was no means of ascertaining whether he had made money, or whether, as he stated, he lost by all the transactions. He submitted that this was a ground against the bankrupt being allowed to pass as well as these mentioned.

His Lordship said as to not keeping proper books, he would have to be satisfied that the bankrupt did not keep them in order to conceal the state of his affairs before he could refuse his discharge. He believed there was no evidence with regard to that. The question was whether he had given all the information in his power. It seemed to him almost impossible that a man in the bankrupt's position should not be able to make out, within certainly a small amount, what his accounts amounted to, nor to give some account of how he disposed of the money which had been advanced to him. He appeared to be unable to account for how he received a good deal of the money.

Mr. Dennys pointed out that there was no evidence as to where the debtor got the money from he was alleged to have been possessed of. His position was only that of a clerk at the Police Court, earning $40 or $50 a month, and he had no other money at the time but a present he received from his mother. The man could not have given the court all the information in his power, for he must know where he got the money he had, and what he did with it.

His Lordship said the bankrupt was not the only man who had been engaged in these transactions; it seemed to him that a considerable portion of the community had gone mad over them. People in a much worse position than Ho Atim went into the speculation, and there had been some equally unfortunate.

Mr. Ackroyd said that in the previous case his Lordship had referred to the bankrupt was suspended for two months; he did not think much was urged against the debtor in that case. Mr. Dennys applied that his Lordship should make an order attaching any property which might hereafter come into the possession of the bankrupt from his mother or father.

His Lordship said that had already been given up, and was included in the schedule.

Mr. Arkcoll contended that the debtor had only taken part in a general speculation that had been going on in the colony, and he was no worse than the rest who had been engaged in it. The property would be taken care of by the Registrar, and he did not see that any good could be effected by suspending the discharge of the debtor. As to Mr. Dennys' client, he submitted that he had no right to be entered as a creditor at all.

Mr. Dennys said there was an agreement by which Mr. Ho Atim agreed to sell a portion of Marine Lot No. 55 to his client, who paid a sum as purchase money. This land had never been handed over to him, and the mortgagee had entered into possession, and another suit was pending in the court in connection with it. His client, Ho Chun, had received nothing for his money, and was, he submitted, perfectly entitled to appear as a creditor.

Mr. Arkcoll proceeded to argue that his client's transactions were not such as to merit a suspense of the discharge. As to the purchase of property in Gilman's Bazaar, he had $10,000 from his mother, and the original holder had a large mortgage on the property, he had also various other sums of money about $50,000, so that there was really no great recklessness about the speculation.

His Lordship pointed out that that was not the only case the bankrupt had been concerned in, otherwise he would not have been insolvent.

Mr. Dennys contended that the amount in addition to the gift the debtor had from his mother consisted of the money he had borrowed.

Mr. Arkcoll said the accounts would show his client had large sums of money. He had been very unfortunate with regard to an individual who owed him $150,000, and it was through that man's failure that he had been unable to pay his debts. As to Mr. Dennys' contention, his client was not a trader, and there was no reason why he should keep books or accounts.

His Lordship thought that whether the debtor kept books or not, he might have given some account.

Mr. Arkcoll assured his Lordship that the debtor had been with him day after day, and had given all the accounts he could give, and the best accounts which he could render had been put before the court. He would ask his Lordship to consider that his client had no expectation whatever of being able to pay or compromise.

His Lordship remarked as to the accounts that they did not extend over a very long period. He would look over the matter before he decided it, but his present impression was that the bankrupt could not be allowed to receive his certificate of discharge. At all events he did not consider that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune.

Mr. Arkcoll asked if his Lordship would continue to accord the bankrupt the protection of the court while he considered the case.

His Lordship assented.

IN RE KWOK TAU, OTHERWISE KWOK KAI.

Mr. Dennys appeared for the bankrupt.

The Registrar said he appeared as official assignee in the case, and also as official assignee for one of the largest creditors—the Chung Sun Wo Bank, to which he was indebted to the extent of $50,000. The manager of the bank was now himself a bankrupt, and he stated he could give no account of the way the money was advanced by one of the runners employed to secure customers. His opposition to the discharge of the debtor would therefore be on general grounds. The bankrupt was in a somewhat more favourable position when he commenced these land speculations than Ho Atim; he had $13,000 or $14,000 of his own then, but he (Mr. Ackroyd) should submit that the debtor entered into speculations of a far greater amount than he had any right to have done with that amount, having purchased property amounting to $316,500. He gave but little information as to how or whence he obtained the $91,000 which was paid for bargain money, and his answers were very meagre indeed. He referred his Lordship to the case of *ex parte* Fryer, Law Times Reports 10, page 197.

Mr. Dennys said his client had been unfortunate in his speculations, and had lost the $14,000 he possessed, and nearly double that amount, but he had of course gone into them with the hope of winning, and he did so with the belief that if he lost he would have been able to pay those losses, for he believed that his father, the late Kwok Acheong, was in a better position than was actually the case, steamers being credited to him which did not really belong to him, and other property being heavily mortgaged. The whole amount of his liabilities was $338,750, and he was afraid the assets were really below what they appeared—$15,330. There were nine persons indebted to the bankrupt, but he was only indebted to eight, and none of these eight had come forward to oppose his discharge. The Official Assignee he thought, therefore, was only doing so as a matter of duty, and at no special request. The bankrupt had been a long time out of employment, and had no means of subsistence, and no harm would be done to the creditors or the public, he thought, if he were discharged.

His Lordship reserved his decision in this matter also.

POLICE COURT.

April 15th.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE.

BREACH OF PRISON REGULATIONS.

Ho Fat, hawker, was charged with passing opium to prisoners.

Mr. Clerihew, Inspector of Nuisances, said he was in the sheriff's room at the Magistracy when he saw the defendant passing something to a convicted prisoner; he seized the man's hands and found opium and money in them.

The defendant was fined $10, and in default of payment went to gaol for a fortnight.

CHARGE OF LARCENY.

Lau Asau, of Wai Chau, trader, was charged with having been concerned with others not in custody in stealing $1,172 on board the steamer *Glenfalloch*.

The defendant was arrested in consequence of information given to the police of an alleged robbery upon a passenger by the steamer. The prisoner denied being concerned in the matter, and mentioned the names of several persons as having been the perpetrators. He described how the thieves had divided the spoil among themselves, and he was only given $30 by one of the men.

The case was remanded.

GAMBLERS.

Nine Chinese were brought up by Acting-P. S. McDonald charged with street gambling at Hung Ham.

The first three prisoners had been previously convicted, and were fined $5, or in default 14 days' hard labour, the rest were fined $1, or three days. All paid but two.

Five Chinese were charged with public gambling on the 14th inst.

Inspector Mathieson made a raid with some police on the top floor of 76, Queen's-road West, and came upon a lot of men gambling, of whom the defendants were arrested.

The first defendant was fined $25, or a month's imprisonment, and he paid the money, and the rest were fined $15, each or 14 days, and all went to gaol.

BEFORE MR. E. MACKEAN.

CASE DISMISSED.

Eight Chinese were charged, on remand, with public gambling at 6, Tank Lane.

Sergeant Butlin made a raid on the house with some police, and arrested the defendants whom he caught gambling. An informer gave evidence to having played pe-tsze in the house on different occasions and lost money.

His Worship discharged the defendants.

BROTHEL OFFENCE.

Mok Lai Ying, keeper of Chinese brothel No. 55, was convicted of keeping an incorrect list of inmates, and having a girl in the house under 12 years of age, and she was fined $50 on each charge, which she paid.

LARCENY.

Li Afat, coolie, a man who had two previous convictions recorded against him, was convicted of stealing a dollar's worth of iron at Hung Ham Dock on Monday, and was sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.]

THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL SITE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

DEAR SIR,—In your issue of yesterday's date, it is stated that, "Notice is given in the *Gazette* that the Sacred Congregation of the Propagation of the Faith intends to apply for a Bill to enable them to sell and dispose of the ground on which the present Roman Catholic Cathedral stands, other and more suitable premises having been secured." May I, Mr. Editor, in the interest of the public and the taxpayers in particular, ask you, and, through your valued journal, also your numerous intelligent readers, to enlighten the public on this most important subject? Important, because in the first place I think the public has every right to know how this site or ground was originally given; was it actually sold for its real and intrinsic value in the ordinary way, or was it given for a mere nominal sum, which is usually done, for the purpose of building the church thereon? If the latter, and which I believe to be the case, then I say the institution whose combined names is pretty euphonious, has not the least right to dispose of the same as their property, and reconp themselves over and above the whole cost of the new Cathedral. A site or ground once granted by a Government, and for merely a nominal sum, expressly for the purpose of building a church or any religious edifice, must revert back to the Government in the end, if the use of the same is no more needed for purposes for which it was originally given. If the former, then according to law and common sense there is no necessity at all for passing the Bill. However, my own opinion is that there must be lurking in a nook either one or the other discrepancy, and to avoid this, that such a Bill as intended is thought of, and my object therefore in writing this letter, is to warn the Government, and more specially the representatives of the public in the Council, to be careful how they deal with this subject. The Roman Catholic authorities here have already been great gainers of advantages in the way of religious tolerance, but they, in return, are very loth to reciprocate the same when occasion requires. I for one have not the least intention to rake up old sores by recalling the case of the late Mr. P. A. da Costa; enough has already been said, and I would prefer the act to be buried in oblivion; but when a religious sect or a Propaganda does not understand the simple principles of give and take it is high time that their conduct should not only be well watched, but for the sake of decency the contingency of turning a religious grant into a commercial speculation be averted.

Then, again, sir, I am told the Government is not cognisant of the real fact of the premises having been once sold for a very large and handsome sum during the time of the property mania in the reign of Governor Hennessy, and that a very substantial amount as bargain-money has been forfeited. Such, however, is the report. For the sake of argument, taking the above report to be true, may I venture to ask also why such a measure as now intended to be passed was not thought of then? Was it because the reins of the Government of the day were in the hands of the "merciful man," who in a matter of the Catholic religion would have managed the whole proceedings very smoothly? I wait for a reply.

A TAXPAYER.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1884.

THE PROPOSED NEW HOSPITAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—"Mandarin's" letter is an able exposition of the plea of the Provisional Committee for a new Hospital, and perhaps some of them are surprised to find they have such a good case. The plea, however, is for a Chinese Hospital, pure and simple, and the strongest argument for this is the plain fact that 150,000 Chinese men, women, and children are now living and dying around us in Hongkong.

"Mandarin" missed this point, and he

sinia, some hundreds of miles inland, must indeed be a difficult operation." Two or three years ago there appeared in a French publication, *Le Portefeuille*, an account of Obokh, in which it was stated that at a short distance in the interior coal is to be found. A year ago the French Obokh Company was said to be in liquidation, and when our correspondent was there, only two "not very genial" Frenchmen were resident in the settlement. They were supposed to be interested in the importation of ostrich feathers, ivory and hides from the interior of Abyssinia; but from what our correspondent saw he came to the conclusion that their *raison d'être* was the exportation of slaves to the Arabian Coast. If the French Government does not directly encourage the slave trade, it does not, apparently, do anything to prevent the inhuman traffic being carried on. The facts which have from time to time come under the notice of our Political Agent at Aden cannot, we should suppose, be altogether unknown at Paris.

Some 15,000 lbs. of copper ore are taken every month out of the Ani Copper Mine in Akita Prefecture. The gold and silver from the Innai Mine in the same prefecture are to be sent to the Finance Department.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

TUESDAY, 15th April.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, on demand 3/7½
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight.....3/7½
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8
Credits, at 4 months' sight.....3/8½
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8¾

ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand 4.58
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4.66

ON BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight...221
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight...221
ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, sight.....72½
Private, 30 days' sight 73½

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—126 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—$550 per share.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—$70 per share.
North China Insurance—Tls. 1,400 per share.
Yangtsze Insurance Association—Tls. 141 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—$195 per share.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.
Canton Insurance Office, Limited—$95 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$240 per share.
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$65 per share.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—56 per cent. premium, buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—$42 per share premium.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—20 per cent. discount.
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited—par.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—$84 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—$150 per share.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—108 per cent. premium.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—nominal.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—$92 per share.
Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—$145 per share.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—$100 per share.
Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—$210 per share.
Selangor Tin Mining Company—$380 per share.
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—Tls. 35 per share.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874—Nominal.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1877—Nominal.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—Nominal.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—Par.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER)

April 14th.

Barometer—9 A.M.	30.18
Barometer—3 P.M.	30.09
Barometer—9 P.M.	30.05
Thermometer—9 A.M.	70
Thermometer—3 P.M.	72
Thermometer—9 P.M.	78
Thermometer—9 A.M. (Wet bulb)	61
Thermometer—3 P.M. (Wet bulb)	69
Thermometer—9 P.M. (Wet bulb)	68
Thermometer—Maximum	74
Thermometer—Minimum (over night)	67

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

16TH TO 23RD APRIL, 1884.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	High Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hongkong Mean Time.	Height.
		h m	ft. in	h m	ft. in
W.	16	m 0 40	1 9	m 6 16	1 11
		11 8 a	4 0	7 26 a	–0 5
Th.	17	m 1 0	1 6	m 8 43	1 9
		0 9	4 0	8 29 a	–0 4
F.	18	m 1 8	1 3	m 8 21	1 6
		1 2 a	4 0	9 31 a	–0 5
Sat.	19	m 2 50	1 0	m 7	1 3
		1 18 a	3 6	10 35 a	–0 5
S.	20	m 4 0	0 2	m 9 55	1 7
		4 9 a	3 0	11 40 a	–0 6
M.	21	m 5 44	0 6	m 11 55	1 2
		5 41 a	2 5		
Tu.	22	m 7 10	0 0	m 0 18	0 7
		6 45 a	2 5	0 29 a	0 7

The height of mean sea-level has been determined at 2.58 feet above zero of the tide-gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard; and the Low-water Ordinary Spring-Tides, to which datum the heights in these Tables are referred, as 5.95 feet above zero.

The heights in the Tables marked with a minus (—) sign are below Low-Water Ordinary Spring-Tides, and should be subtracted from the contents given above.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

14th April, 1884. at 4 P.M.

STATION.	Barometer reduced to 32° Fahr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours.
Manila	29.87	9.10	55	NNE	3	b	—
Hongkong	29.97	68.7	90	S	4	od	—
Amoy	29.9	67.0	84	SSE	3	c	—
Foochow	30.4	63.0	93	—	0	o	—
Shanghai	30.05	58.5	94	NE	3	od	—
Nagasaki	30.14	—	—	NE	1	—	—
Wladivostock	30.15	54.0	—	NE	3	o	—

15th April, 1884. at 10 A.M.

STATION.	Barometer reduced to 32° Fahr.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.	Rain last 24 hours.
Manila	29.70	82.5	73	NNE	2	b	—
Hongkong	30.07	68.8	88	N	4	c	0.1
Amoy	29.9	65.0	89	W	1	c	—
Foochow	—	—	—	—	0	—	—
Shanghai	30.04	69.0	97	NNE	2	om	—
Nagasaki	30.14	—	—	SE	1	—	0.1
Wladivostock	30.15	44.0	—	SE	2	o	—

☞ The Barometer is almost stationary. Gradients gentle indicate winds.

W. DOBERCK.
Hongkong Observatory, 15th April, 1884.

METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.97	30.07	29.98
Temperature	63.7	68.6	69.8
Humidity	96	85	79
Direction of Wind ...	E.	E.	E.S.E.
Force of wind	4	2	4
Weather	O.D.	O.	B.V.
Rain	—	0.01	—

1.—BAROMETER reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2.—TEMPERATURE in the shade in degrees and tenths Fahrenheit.
3.—HUMIDITY in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4.—DIRECTION OF THE WIND to two points.
5.—FORCE OF THE WIND according to Beaufort Scale.
6.—STATE OF THE WEATHER: B. blue sky; C. detached clouds; D. drizzling rain; F. fog; G. gloomy; H. hail; L. lightning; O. overcast; P. passing showers; Q. squally; R. rain; S. snow; T. thunder; V. visibility; W. dew(wet).—The letters are repeated to indicate any increase over the average of their signification.
7.—RAIN in inches, tenths and hundredths.

For further particulars see "Instructions for making Meteorological Observations in China" (KELLY AND WALSH, Hongkong).

W. DOBERCK.
Hongkong Observatory, 15th April, 1884.

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1884. [192

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1882. [16

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HO SHEN CHEE,
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Hongkong, 11th May, 1881. [14

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Hongkong, 26th July, 1872. [11

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Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. [12

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WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
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Hongkong, 14th March, 1881. [554

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The Undersigned are prepared from this date to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE at the Reduced Tariff Rates to the extent of $50,000 on First-class Risks.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
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Hongkong, 12th May, 1881. [13

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Hongkong, January, 1882. [958

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Hongkong, 27th March, 1882. [731

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Hongkong, 5th August, 1881. [15

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F. E. FOSTER, Agent.
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STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS, NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA;
ALSO,
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON TUESDAY, the 22nd day of April, 1884, at NOON, the Company's Steamship "NATAL," Commandant Didier, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until NOON of 21st April, 1884.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M., on the 21st April, 1884. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1884.

STEAM COMMUNICATION TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S Steamer
"NATAL"
J. Wood, Commander, under engagement with the Straits and Western Australian Governments, is expected to leave Singapore for Fremantle, calling at Batavia, Roebuck Bay, Cossack, Sharks Bay and Geraldton, as notified below:—

PROPOSED TIME TABLE.

NORTHWARD SERVICE.

Leaving Fremantle calling at Geraldton, Sharks Bay, Cossack, Roebuck Bay, and Batavia.						
18th March	2nd May	16th June	16th July	29th Aug.	11th Sep.	2nd Oct.
Arriving at Singapore.						
4th April	19th May	29th June	4th July	14th Aug.	28th Sep.	19th Oct.

SOUTHWARD SERVICE.

Leaving Singapore, calling at Batavia, Roebuck Bay, Cossack, Sharks Bay and Geraldton.						
12th April	24th May	1st July	10th Aug.	20th Sep.	5th

EXTRACTS.

A BALLAD OF OLD INNS.

Where shall I find them—the Inns that I dream about,
"Bushes," "Bell Savages," "Horses," and "Heads"?
Where seek the sign-board that bragged from its beam about
Commonplace comforts, good cheer and good beds?
Vainly—beguiled by traditions of Thackeray,
Etchings of Crowquill, and sketches by Boz—
Rove I 'mid London's new-fangled gimcrackery,
Searching "Time is" for the haunts of "Time was."
Vainly, through byway, through alley and rookery,
Vainly I hanger the hostel to find
Warranting hope of plain fare and plain cookery,
Rest for the body and peace for the mind.
Vainly I seek, be it Westward or Cityward,
North to the "Angel" or south to the "Horns,"
Sadly recalling quaint legend or witty word,
Life-giving soul to the scene it adorns.
Vainly I hie me to Hampstead or Holloway,
Grope in the Borough or delve in the Mint;
Tavern and keeper have vanished and stole away,
Leaving no trace save a record in print.
Gone are the surly "twin heads of the Saracens,"
Blest for a Browdie, though sacred to Squeers;
Gone the "White Hart," where that prince of companions,
Weller, blacked boots in the prime of his years.
Gone too the "Slaughters," that notable snuggery,
Where gentle Dobbin, the brave and the true,
Weary of uniform, pipe-clay, and puggaree,
Slighted his supper when hasting to woo.
Where is "mine hostess," the buxom and motherly,
Warm in her welcome and apt in her jest?
Where the head waiter, half-lordly, half-brotherly,
Patron and slave to the off-coming guest?
Where jolly Boniface, 'neath whose protectorate
Port was a proverb and Punch was a law?
Gone—to make way for a phantom Directorate,
Shadows intangible, sovereigns of straw.
Where are the signs, each a pun or a riddle, gone—
"Nobody," "Nowhere," the "Mouth" and the "Mail"?
Where, Piccadilly, have Puss and her Fiddle gone,
Mystical tribute to poor *chat fidèle*?
Where are they all? 'Mid our "Grands" and our "Avenues,"
Where the blest freedom from tumult and din?
Where shall I find, in our six-story parvenus,
Licence for taking "mine ease in mine Inn"?
Lost in the limbo of popular fallacies,
Calm and tranquillity fade like a dream;
Ease yields to ornament, taverns turn palaces,
Stages *en route* to a social paralysis—
Plutus the postboy, his Pegasus steam.
—*St. James's Budget.*

LORD GEORGE BENTINCK AND MR. BRIGHT.

What looks like an authentic version of Mr. Bright's story about Lord George Bentinck was given to the public some time ago in the "Life of Cobden (i. 358):—"One day he (Lord George Bentinck) walked away from the House in company with a conspicuous member of the League. With that amicable freedom of remark which Parliamentary habits permit and nourish even between the stoutest adversaries, the Leaguer expressed his wonder that Lord George Bentinck should fear any evil from the removal of the duty. 'Well,' Lord George Bentinck answered, 'I keep horses in three countries, and they tell me that I shall save fifteen hundred a year by Free Trade. I do not care for that. What I cannot bear is being sold.'"—*Times.*

EXAMINATION PAPERS.

At a recent school-board examination in England some extraordinary answers were given to the examiners by the children. One innocent was asked to give a biography of the Patriarch Abraham, and replied: "Abraham was the father of Lot and had two wives. One was called Ishmale and the other Hagur; he kept one at home and turned the other into the desert, where she became a pillow of salt by day and a pillow of fire by night." Another juvenile said: "Moses was an Egiptshan. He lived in a ark made of bullrushes, and he kept a golden calf and worshipped braizen snakes and et nothing but kwales and manna for 40 years. He was cot by the hair of the hed while riding under the bough of a tree, and he was killed by his son Absolom as he was a hanging from the bough. His end was pease." Another, questioned in natural history, replied: "The hog has five toes on his four feet and four toes on his hind feet, the cow has no toes and cannot bark."

A CURIOUS CUSTOM.

Since the day when Mohammed led to Medina upon a camel, and doubtless long before that event, these beasts of burden have always figured prominently in pilgrimages. A curious custom still survives as a relic of an Egyptian festival which, at a very distant epoch in the world's history, attracted every year an immense concourse of devotees. This was the worship of the cat-headed goddess, named Bast or Sekhet, daughter of the Sun-god. Herodotus says that 700,000 persons kept her festival at Bubastis, in Egypt. Dead cats used to be embalmed, and were also sent to be buried at that place. Until the early part of the present century each caravan of pilgrims to Mecca was accompanied by an old woman who carried with her a number of cats, and was known as "the mother of the cats." But to-day her place is taken by a man who, mounted upon a camel, and bearing an interesting load of cats of all sorts and sizes, rejoices in the like homely designation of "the father of the cats."—*Little Folks.*

PECULIARITIES OF DIVORCE.

A French philosopher has been collecting statistics of divorce, and lecturing on the theories with which they supply him. The results are interesting, and in some respects singular. Some well-worn theories are quite upset by his facts and figures. Taking a fixed standard of 1,000 marriages the philosopher distributes all countries into three groups—group A, where the divorces average from 1 to 5 in the 1,000; group B, where they run from 6 to 10; group C, where in a thousand marriages there are from 11 to 28 divorces. It is strange to find among the first class the Italians, the Russians, and the Scotch. It seems the only point in common among nationalities otherwise so opposed. The Swedes, the Norwegians, the Dutch, and the Hungarians are in the second class, while the third includes most other European peoples. The philosopher insists that the laws of a country have no influence on these results. Norway and Denmark have the same laws, and Norway is moral and Denmark is loose. Switzerland is one Republic, but in the canton of Lucerne there is scarcely ever a divorce, and in Appanzell there are a great many. In Catholic countries, as a rule, there are few, and in Protestant there are many. Much depends upon profession. Artists and men of letters seem very unfortunate in their unions. Moreover, the statistics of suicide run parallel with those of divorce. Saxony is the country where both are found in greatest numbers. For a space of three years the number of suicides remained stationary in Sweden, and so did the divorces. Both are checked by the birth of children. The lecturer closed with a singular statistic. Where the husband is from five to twenty-five years older than his wife the number of divorces runs up to 184 in the 1,000; where he is more than twenty-five they drop to one per cent.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

PET CANINES.—THEIR RECEPTIONS, BURIALS AND DRESSES.

Pet dogs are the latest hobby in the fashionable world of New York and other large cities. A certain costly species of bull-terrier, grown exceedingly small by inbreeding and doses of gin, is the favourite of women wealthy enough to afford indulgence in such pets. They are hideously misshapen little monsters but the uglier they are the more they are valued. They are taken out every day by their mistresses or footmen for an airing, wearing embroidered coats and gold collars on which their names are engraved or set in jewels.

One of these dogs died in Philadelphia lately, and formal notice of the funeral was given to the friends of its mistress, who sent their dogs in carriages with liveried footmen, etc. The dead dog was laid in a satin-lined, silver-mounted coffin; offerings of flowers were sent and a costly monument was raised over its grave.

"Beppo," the pet of a wealthy young lady, lately sent out cards for a reception, which was attended by all the *haut-ton* of dogdom. The homely little beasts sent to the reception were served on dainty china with all the delicacies of the caterer's art. The feast, floral decorations, etc., cost more than $200.

A POCKET BATTERY.

A pigmy voltaic battery of great power for its size has been devised by M. Skirwanow, and is now employed to furnish the star lights on the heads of the ballet of *La Farandole*, Paris. It is superior to the accumulator hitherto used in yielding a more lasting current, gives an ampere for one hour, and has an electro-motive force of 1.45 volts. Two of these cells, contained in ebonite cases buckled to the belt of the performer, keep a star light going, and the light is readily controlled by the wearer. Each cell consists of a zinc plate bent into the form of a U, and holding in its inside a plate of silver, surrounded by chloride of silver, as in the ordinary De La Rue chloride of silver cell used by electricians for testing purposes. The zinc plate forms one pole of the cell, and the silver the other. A solution of caustic potash (75 parts potash to 100 water) is filled in, and, as a porous diaphragm, the chloride of silver is covered with parchment paper. The vessel is of ebonite, with a closed mouth, which, however, is opened when fresh liquid has to be put into the cell. This is necessary after every hour's run, and the chloride of silver has to be replaced after three or four hours of use. The cell is thus expensive, but this is of minor importance in theatrical work as compared with its size and weight—one hundred grammes.

THE ICE AGE IN SCOTLAND.

I think I could take anyone, however unaccustomed he might be to geological observation or to geological reasoning, to a place within a few miles of Inverary and point out a number of facts which would convince him that the whole of our mountains, the whole of Scotland, had been lying deeper in the sea than it does now to a depth of at least 2,000 feet. The proofs are innumerable; but the most prominent proof is this, that there are constantly found on the tops of knolls and hills, and generally on the tops of mountains, numbers of immense boulders which are what is called "perched." These are generally placed on the very edge of precipices or knolls and do not belong to the rocks on which they sit. These stones are carried, as they are being carried at present in Smith's Sound in the Arctic regions, upon icebergs or icefloes. As the ice melted the stones were left on the knolls, and there they are to this day. One might stand on the top of these rocks and knolls and look down upon the scattered boulders, just as one might look upon a rock in the sea on which some great ship had been wrecked and her cargo scattered on its surface. In the case of a ship we should probably have the timbers to testify to the catastrophe; but the timbers which carried those old rocks were not timbers of wood but timbers of ice. They melted long ago, and all the evidence we have now is the cargo which they carried.—*Good Words.*

TEACHINGS OF THE CENSUS.

What a panorama of living agents does a census afford! Every one of us, from the Queen on the throne to the humblest of her subjects, is there seen to have a place to fill and a work to do. Some are labouring in directing and administering the affairs of the State. Some are engaged in extracting the fruit of the soil, or in appropriating, adapting, converting, shaping matter to our convenience. Many are fulfilling various offices for man—curing disease, teaching youth, preserving peace, defending rights, punishing wrongs, and in a thousand ways upholding the great structure of human society. Strictly speaking, not all may be producers of wealth, all labour being, economically speaking, unproductive, which ends in immediate enjoyment, without tending to any increase of permanent stock, or not having for its result a material product. Yet we can scarcely say that no labour is valuable which is not immediately employed in the production of material riches. The genius which enlightens, the religion which comforts, the justice which preserves, the science and art which improve and charm our existence, are indirectly, if not in a direct manner, as truly productive as commerce, agriculture, or manufacture. Few, indeed, who truly fulfil their mission to which they are called, who labour in the sphere and condition in which they are placed, and who exercise the faculties and talents with which they are endowed, can be said to be unproductive in this great laboratory. The whole nation is practically working together as a great co-operative society, under the very best division of labour, all the more perfect since it is natural and spontaneous.—*Leisure Hour.*

WOMAN NOT COLOUR BLIND.

The examinations for colour blindness by the railroads, and by physicians on their own account, have disclosed, as is well known, some curious facts. It is found that in this and other countries at least four per cent. of the male population in all large cities are colour blind. In the United States, both in towns and rural districts, one man in every twenty-five has this defect of vision. He cannot tell green from red or blue from yellow.

But it is particularly singular that the examinations have disclosed the fact that among women colour blindness is almost unknown. Prof. Thompson, a great authority, who has examined the eyes of thousands of the sex, has never met with a single case nor has he ever heard of many. Women can distinguish readily between the finest shades of colour, and at any distance at which they can see the yarns used in the experiments at all. The feminine eye is almost infallible on these points, and the Professor confessed his admiration. He even states that he is inclined to believe women better suited for responsible railroad work than men. It will be a notable day, to be marked with the brightest lump of chalk and high up on the wall, when we see young ladies in the cabs of locomotives guiding trains across the country at a mile a minute, and other young ladies keeping watch over the furnace and ringing the bell and blowing the whistles. Bigger crowds will gather at the country way stations than ever, and the farmer, who, as it is, no matter how urgent his work, never fails to stop plowing to watch the cars pass, will take a longer spell of rest than that to which he is accustomed to. Trim and pretty young ladies on the locomotives will lend a new delight to travelling, and their acuteness of vision a new element of safety.—*Baltimore News.*

PLANTATION PHILOSOPHY.

A man ken hide de fack dat he's smart, but he kaint hide de fack dat he is a fool.

Dar's suthin' almos' sorrowful 'bout a ole man wid black hair. Grey hair is so nachul wid ole age dat de ole man what ain't got it seems ter hab been cheated outen his plumage.

De man what tries ter do too much fur you at de dinner table is wus dan de man what doan de enough. Let a pusson alone an' he'll hap hisse'f, but keep er insistin' on him ter eat an' arter a while he thinks dat of he doan eat more den he wants yer'll think dat de cokin' doan suit him. De greatest of all perliteness is ter let a man ack nachul.—*Arkansas Traveller.*

A STORY ABOUT HAWTHORNE.

A charming story was told to Mr. Conway by an intimate friend of the novelist. One wintry day Hawthorne received his official notification that his services would no longer be required. With heaviness of heart he repaired to his humble home. His young wife recognised the change, and stood watching for the silence to be broken. At length he faltered—"I am removed from office." Then she left the room. She returned with fuel and kindled a bright fire with her own hands. Next she brought pen, paper, ink, and set them before him. Then she touched the sad man on the shoulder, and, as he turned to the beaming face, said—"Now you can write your book." The cloud cleared away. The lost office looked like a cage from which he had escaped. "The Scarlet Letter" was written, and a marvellous success rewarded the author and his stout-hearted wife. She was a woman worth loving.—*American Paper.*

COPPER IN THE SYSTEM.

MM. Houlès and De Pietra-Santa, who have studied the matter in the copper working districts of France, recently made a communication to the French Academy of Sciences on the action of metallic copper on the human system when breathed in the form of dust in the foundries. They state that in a workshop where brass in great quantities is turned and the air is thick with copper dust, the workmen experience no ill effects from breathing the latter, though the same dust mixed with food sometimes gives rise to slight gastro-intestinal trouble, and general *malaise*. At Tarn (Durfort), a colony of copper workers, living twelve hours a day in an atmosphere impregnated with copper oxide and iron oxide, or red copper dust, do not suffer from it. There appears to be no special malady due to copper inhalation; and on the other hand any immunity from typhoid fever or cholera has not been observed though the people are in some instances yellow in the skin and eyes with copper taken into the system.

THE VALUE OF KNOWING LOCALITY AND NAMES.

If ever I go into a new locality again I will study up my geography better than I did this time, for my ignorance got me into a most uncomfortable position. As the boat neared Sandford I was standing with others on the deck, when a very pretty young lady came up to me with a sweet smile on her face, looked into mine with a pair of lovely eyes and asked: "Are you going to kiss me, sir?" If some one had offered to lend me ten dollars I could not have been more surprised, and hardly knowing what to say and in order to gain a little time, I gasped out, "Pardon, Miss, what did you ask?" I felt that she knew I heard her, but she said, sweetly, "Are you going to kiss me to-night?" There was no misunderstanding her this time. I heard her and so did others, and I felt the blood rushing into my face and I stammered out, "I would like to accommodate you, miss; I would, truly; but I have a wife and 18 small children on board with me and if my wife should see me kissing you——" "Kissing me, you hateful old thing! Who asked you to kiss me?" "You did," I yelled; "you asked me twice!" "You old fool, I asked you if you were going to Kissime—Kissime City—to-night; don't you know anything?" And off she went, and if ever anybody felt meaner than I did I would like to exchange photographs with him.

SUNDAY ABROAD.

There are some indications that the continental cities are beginning to recognise the value of a day of rest. Thus, an Italian newspaper reports that a meeting at Rome approving of the example set by Milan affirms the necessity of the Sunday rest, and desires the leaders of the Society for Mutual Help amongst those employed in business in Rome to exert themselves in favour of it. A Palermo paper considers the Sunday rest as a thing established, and rejoices it has been brought about in friendly agreement by the heads of establishments, to whom those whom they employ should be for ever grateful. A Venetian paper speaks of a meeting being called for the shopkeepers to consider the subject, and it was hoped they would come to an amicable agreement regarding it. In the *Gazette* of Turin there is mention of Genoa, that the Sunday rest is a matter of interest there, and that some of the leading merchants had given notice that their establishments would be closed throughout the day. The *Italia* of Milan gives a statement from Bologna, pointing out how the example first set by Milan had been followed there; that the question of Sunday rest had hardly been proposed before it was peaceably agreed to; so many were in favour of it that those who were at first reluctant ended by yielding; and on the following Sunday it was expected the greater part, if not all, the shops would be closed. In all these instances it is secular aspects of the question which are alone considered.—*The Sunday at Home.*

CASHMERE WINE.

Among the many interesting exhibits at the Calcutta Exhibition, there is a small assortment of Cashmere wines and spirits, of which a very favourable report is made. The *Civil and Military Gazette* describes the wines as perfectly pure, of excellent flavour and high quality, and only requiring maturity to command the approval of connoisseurs. Not less admirable is the sample of Cashmere brandy, which has been manufactured from pure wine in accordance with the best French methods. Success would, therefore, seem to have at last crowned the many efforts of Maharajah Runbeer Singh to implant this lucrative industry in the Happy Valley. He began in 1875, but the Europeans he employed were bunglers, and at the end of six years the costly experiment had advanced no farther than the manufacture of a detestable stimulant out of mulberries, apples, and pears. Not discouraged by this failure, the Maharajah engaged two French experts, one for vine culture, and the other to superintend distillation, and in 1883 he had the satisfaction of seeing forty casks of really excellent wine, besides a small quantity of cognac stored in his cellars. The samples at the Calcutta Exhibition were taken from this supply, and their quality being approved by experts, the Maharajah proposes to place his store on the market at the end of the present year. By selling the red wine at 2s. 6d. a bottle, the white 2s., and the brandy at 6s., a small profit will accrue, and at these prices they ought to meet a ready sale among the Anglo-Indian community. Perhaps this young industry may eventually help to make good the immense loss which has befallen Cashmere owing to the diminished demand for her shawls.

HONGKONG MARKETS.

AS REPORTED BY CHINESE ON THE 15TH APRIL, 1884.

COTTON GOODS.

American Drills, 30 yards, per piece	$2.95 to 3.10
American Drills, 15lbs., per piece	$3.90 to 3.95
Cotton Yarn, No. 16 to 24, per 400 lbs.	$83.50 to 93.00
Cotton Yarn, No. 28 to 32, per 400 lbs.	$99.00 to 105.00
Cotton Yarn, No. 38 to 42, per 400 lbs.	$112.00 to 116.50
Cotton Yarn, Bombay	$78.00 to 79.50
Chintz, per piece	$1.70 to 1.75
Dyed Spotted Shirtings, per piece	$2.60 to 2.85
Dyed Brocades Shirtings, per piece	$2.55 to 3.70
Dyed Damask Shirtings, per piece	$3.50 to 3.65
English Drills, 30 yards, per piece	$2.35 to 2.65
English Drills, 14 lbs., per piece	$2.45 to 2.50
English Drills, 15 lbs., per piece	$2.95 to 3.00
Grey Shirtings, 7 lbs., per piece	$1.55 to 1.63
Grey Shirtings, 8 lbs., per piece	$1.77 to 1.85
Grey Shirtings, 8½ lbs., per piece	$1.95 to 2.02
Grey Shirtings, 9 lbs., per piece	$2.65 to 2.75
Grey Shirtings, 10 lbs., per piece	$2.97 to 3.00
Gry T. Cloths, 24 yds. & 32 in. 6 lbs. p. pc.	$1.20 to 1.25
Gry T. Cloths, 24 yds. & 32 in. 7 lbs. p. pc.	$1.35 to 1.70
Gry T. Cloths, 24 yds 36 in 8 lbs. XO p. pc.	$1.80 to 1.85
Gry T. Cloths, 24 yds 36 in 8 lbs. VV p. pc.	$2.30 to 2.35
Gry T. Cloths, 24 yds 36 in 8 lbs. XX p. pc.	$2.45 to 3.50
Handkerchiefs, Blue, per dozen	$0.60 to 0.65
Handkerchiefs, Brown, per dozen	$0.55 to 0.62
Handkerchiefs, Red, per dozen	$0.63 to 0.65
Handkerchiefs, Light Red, per dozen	$0.65 to 0.78
Velvet Black, 32 inches, per yard	$0.18 to 0.19
Velvet, Gentian, 22 inches per yard	$0.21 to 0.22
Velveteens, Black, per yard	$0.21 to 0.22
Velveteens, Gentian, per yard	$0.28 to 0.29
White Shirtings, 54 to 60 reed, per piece	$2.15 to 2.35
White Shirtings, 61 to 66 reed, per piece	$2.45 to 2.65
White Shirtings, 68 to 80 reed, per piece	$2.80 to 3.20
White Shirtings, 90 reed, per piece	$3.45 to 3.50
White Shirtings, 7,200 reed, per piece	$3.20 to 3.25
White Shirtings, AA, per piece	$1.65 to 1.70
White Shirtings, EF, per piece	$5.30 to 5.32
White Shirtings, MH, per piece	$3.90 to 3.95
White Spotted Shirtings, per piece	$2.45 to 2.50
White Brocades, per piece	$2.50 to 2.65

WOOLLEN GOODS.

Blankets, 7 lbs., per pair	$2.45 to 3.35
Blankets, 8 lbs., per pair	$3.75 to 3.85
Blankets, 10 lbs., per pair	$4.25 to 4.45
Blankets, 12 lbs., per pair	$5.70 to 5.75
Camlets, SSS, per piece	$13.50 to 14.00
Camlets, SS, per piece	$13.50 to 14.00
Camlets, S, per piece	$14.50 to 15.00
Camlets, BBB, per piece	$16.50 to 17.00
Camlets, AAA, per piece	$16.50 to 17.00
Camlets, LLL, per piece	$13.50 to 14.00
Long Ells, MM Scarlet, per piece	$6.65 to 6.70
Long Ells, MM Assorted per piece	$6.65 to 6.70
Long Ells, HH Scarlet, per piece	$6.65 to 7.70
Long Ells, HH Assorted, per piece	$6.65 to 6.70
Long Ells, H Scarlet, per piece	$6.65 to 6.70
Long Ells, H Assorted, per piece	$6.70 to 6.75
Lastings, DD, per piece	$12.50 to 13.50
Spanish Stripes, per yard	$0.72 to 0.73

METALS.

Iron, Nail Rod, per picul	$2.65 to 2.70
Iron, Hoop, per picul	$2.65 to 3.10
Iron, Bar, per picul	$3.50 to 3.55
Iron, Wire, per picul	$6.25 to 6.65
Lead, WB, per picul	$4.50 to 4.55
Lead, LB, per picul	$4.40 to 4.45
Lead, Hole Shot, per picul	$4.40 to 4.42
Quicksilver, English, per picul	$55.00 to 55.20
Quicksilver, American, per picul	$55.00 to 55.20
Steel, English, per tab	$3.65 to 3.75
Steel, Swedish, per tab	$4.15 to 4.25
Spelter, per picul	$5.60 to 5.65
Tin, Malacca, per picul	$33.40 to 34.50
Tin, Plates, per box	$4.90 to 4.95

PRODUCE.

Almonds, per picul	$22.00 to 23.50
Alum, 1st quality, per picul	$2.45 to 2.55
Alum, 2nd quality, per picul	$1.75 to 1.85
Bark, Camphor, per picul	$17.50 to 18.50
Beche de Mer, per picul	$30.00 to 55.00
Bees Wax, Japan, White, per picul	$11.50 to 12.50
Bees Wax, Hankow, Yellow, per picul	$44.00 to 45.50
Bees Wax, White, per picul	$65.50 to 67.00
Birds' Nests, 1st quality, per picul	$1,650 to 2,400
Birds' Nests, 2nd quality, per picul	$650 to 780
Birds' Nests, 3rd quality, per picul	$75.00 to 200
Brimstone, per picul	$3.55 to 2.65
Buffalo Hides, Manila	$13.00 to 15.50
Buffalo Cow Hides	$7.60 to 8.00

PRODUCE.

Camphor, packed, per picul	$15.50 to 16.00
Camphor, Barrow, clean, per picul	$2.500 to —
Camphor, Refined, per picul	$1.800 to 1.850
Cardamoms, Superior	$125 to 135
Cardamoms, Inferior, per picul	$22.00 to 28.00
Cloves, per picul	$35.00 to 36.50
Coals, Allout, per ton	— to —
Coals, English steam, per ton	$10.25 to 10.00
Coals, Sydney, per ton	$9.25 to —
Coffee, per picul	$23.20 to 24.50
Copper, Sheathing, Japan, per picul	$20.50 to 21.00
Copper, Rod, Japan, per picul	$23.70 to 24.00
Copper, Nails, per picul	$23.50 to 23.80
Cotton, Bombay, per picul	$15.30 to 16.30
Cotton, Calcutta, per picul	$17.60 to 17.80
Cotton, Ningpo, per picul	$18.20 to 19.00
Cotton, Shanghai, per picul	$16.80 to 17.00
Cotton, Shantung, per picul	$16.20 to 16.50
Cotton, Tientsin, per picul	$17.60 to 17.88
Cotton, Tungchow, per picul	$17.50 to 18.00
Cotton Seeds, Saigon	$4.20 to 4.30
Cotton Seeds, Siam	$4.10 to 4.20
Cuttlefish, Japan	$22.50 to 23.00
Cuttlefish, Japan, without bones, p. pl.	$15.50 to 16.50
Cuttlefish, Chaunhow, per picul	$26.00 to 27.50
Dates, Black, per picul	Tls. 2.30 to 2.35
Dates, Red, per picul	Tls. 2.25 to 2.35
Dried Lily Flowers	$7.85 to 8.15
Elephant's Teeth, 4 to 5 pieces	$250 to 300
Elephant's Teeth, 7 to 8 pieces	$200 to 220
Flour, California, per sack of 50 lbs.	$1.48 to 1.54
Flour, American, per barrel of 100 lbs.	$3.10 to 3.25
Flour, American, per barrel of 200 lbs.	$6.50 to 6.75
Fungus	$30.00 to 39.50
Flints, per picul	$0.50 to 0.63
Ginseng, American, 1st quality, p. picul	$200 to 185
Ginseng, American, 2nd quality, p. picul	$160 to 210
Hams, Ordinary, per picul	Tls. 17.70 to 18.00
Hams, Superior, per picul	Tls. 28.50 to 31.00
Hemp, Hankow, per picul	$10.50 to 12.00
Hemp, Siam, per picul	$10.00 to 11.00
Isinglass, Japan, per picul	$38.00 to 40.00
Melon Seeds, 1st quality, per picul	$4.90 to 5.20
Melon Seeds, 2nd quality, per picul	$4.40 to 4.65
Mushrooms, per picul	$38.00 to 46.50
Mussels, Dry Siam large, per picul	$8.35 to 9.10
Mussels, Dry Siam middle, per picul	$7.25 to 7.45
Mussels, Dry Siam small, per picul	$4.15 to 6.35
Pea Oil, per picul	$40 to $45
Peas, White, per picul	1.00 to 1.20
Peas, Green, per picul	1.25 to 1.30
Peas, Black, per picul	0.75 to 0.80
Peas, Yellow, per picul	2.00 to 2.12
Peas, Green Beans, per picul	$2.15 to 2.25
Pearl Barley, per picul	$6.50 to 7.50
Potato Flour, per picul	Tls. 1.30 to 1.85
Patchuck, per picul	$13.00 to 15.00
Rhinoceros Horn, per picul	$2,600 to 3,000
Rhinoceros Horn, Mother, per picul	$2,000 to 2,200
Rice, Siam, No. 1, per picul	$1.82 to 1.87
Rice, Siam, No. 2, per picul	$1.75 to 1.77
Rice, Siam, milled No. 1, per picul	$1.64 to 1.65
Rice, Siam, milled No. 2, per picul	$1.40 to 1.42
Rice, Saigon, No. 1, per picul	$1.87 to 1.90
Rice, Saigon, Hemp bags	$1.75 to 1.76
Rice, Saigon, Straw bags	$1.71 to 1.72
Rice, Japan	$2.10 to 2.70
Saltpetre, per picul	$5.00 to 5.25
Sawood, Green, per picul	$1.05 to 2.10
Seaweed, Cut, per picul	$2.35 to 2.40
Sesamum, White, per picul	$8.85 to 8.95
Sesamum, Black, per picul	Tls. 2.45 to 2.55
Sharkefins, per picul	$85.00 to 60.00
Shellfish, Japan, per picul	$27.00 to 30.00
Shellfish, California, per picul	$11.50 to 12.00
Stockfish, per picul	$5.00 to 6.50
Straits Produce, &c.,—	
Betel Nut, per picul	$4.17 to 4.20
Pepper, White, per picul	$21.70 to 22.00
Pepper, Black, per picul	$13.50 to 13.90
Rattans, Straits, per picul	$5.30 to 5.50
Rattans, Bangar, per picul	$4.35 to 4.65
Sandal Wood, Malabar, per picul	$4.30 to 4.95
Sandal Wood, South Seas, per picul	$21.50 to 22.50
Sapan Wood, Manila, per picul	$1.45 to 1.65
Sapan Wood, Siam, per picul	$2.25 to 2.35
Sugar, Shek-lung, White, No. 1, p. pcl.	$7.50 to 8.05
Sugar, Shek-lung, White, No. 2, p. pcl.	$6.75 to 6.93
Sugar, Shek-lung, Brown, per picul	$4.25 to 4.30
Sugar Candy, Shek-lung, per picul	$8.90 to 9.06
Sugar Candy, Foochow, per picul	$9.65 to 9.70
Sugar Candy, Swatow, White, per picul	$8.75 to 7.80
Vermicelli, Tientsin, per picul	$7.50 to 7.70
Wheat, Tientsin, per picul	$2.15 to 2.20
Wheat, Japan, per picul	$2.15 to 2.20
Wood Oil, per picul	Tls. 6.4 to 6.40
Window Glass, per box	$3.65 to 3.70

SHIPPING IN THE CHINA WATERS.

HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

VESSELS.	DATE OF ARRIVAL	CAPTAIN.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CONSIGNEES.	DESTINATION.
Agamemnon	April 13	Willing	Brit. str	1522	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai
Anton	April 12	Schroder	Ger. str	395	Wieler & Co	
Benalder	April 13	James Ross	Brit. str	1330	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
Bothwell Castle	Feb. 14	R. J. C. Tod	Brit. str	1653	Captain	
Camoria	April 15	Oreille	Dut. str	1391	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Cattarthun	Mar. 28	Hugh Craig	Brit. str	1406	Gibb, Livingston & Co	Adelaide
China	Jan. 25	Spoken	Ger. str	648	Ring Lee & Co	Canton
Danube	April 11	J. Newton	Brit. str	561	Yuen Fat Hong	
Fame	—	Stoppani	Brit. str	117	H. & W. Dock Co.	
Feliscо Reyes	April 3	A. Gardaqui	Span. str	517	Remedios & Co	
Glenfalloch	April 11	Burch	Brit. str	1418	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Hailoong	April 14	F. Ashton	Brit. str	277	Douglas Lapraik & Co	
Hainan	Nov. 23	J. Woone	Brit. str	281	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
Hankow	—	J. Ogston	Brit str	2235	Butterfield & Swire	Canton
Hoiran	—	T. T. Bonning	Brit. str	1344	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
Iolani	Mar. 13	Wallace	Brit. str	981	Captain	
Japan	April 5	Gardner	Brit. str	1865	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co	Calcutta
Khiva	April 12	P. Harris	Brit. str	1419	P. & O. S. N. Co	
Kinkiang	—	Clarke	Brit. str	1061	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
Kiungchow	—	S. W. Goggin	Brit. str	288	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
Kremlin	April 9	J. Andrew	Brit. str	787	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Lennox	April 3	Scott	Brit. str	1327	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Calcutta
Mindanao	Mar. 4	Gonzales	Span. str	650	Dunn, Welbye & Co	
Mosser	April 14	H. Longly	Brit. str	1323	Russell & Co	
Namoa	April 13	—	Brit. str	862	Douglas Lapraik & Co	Coast Ports
Nam-yuan	Jan. 9	—	Fr. str	435	A. R. Marty	
Ocean	April 4	R. R. Brown	Brit. str	1039	Tung Keo & Co	
Oceanic	April 7	Metcalfe	Brit. str	1808	O. & O. S. S. Co	S. Francisco
P. Alexander	April 1	Eckert	Ger. str	2280	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
P. Chom Klao	April 15	H. Stratton	Brit. str	1011	Yuen Fat Hong	
Pembrokeshire	April 8	Davis	Brit. str	1717	Adamson, Bell & Co	
Port Phillip	Mar. 30	Geo. Drilling	Brit. str	2800	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Powan	—	Lefavour	Brit. str	1842	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Canton
Rosslyn	April 12	McKechnie	Brit. str	1049	Sun Hin & Co	
Sea Gull	—	Haydon	Amr. str	48	C. Traders' Insurance Co	
Taichow	April 4	Jordan	Brit. str	862	Yuen Fat Hong	
Timor	April 9	Yesula	Brit. str	1410	Russell & Co	
Triumph	April 13	T. Schuldt	Ger. str	673	Wieler & Co	
Wells	April 14	E. Piper	Ger. str	393	Wieler & Co	
White Cloud	—	A. Beaniu	Brit. str	852	H. C. & M. Steamboat Co	Macao
Yottung	—	—	Brit. str	286	Chinese	

SAILING VESSELS.

VESSELS.	DATE OF ARRIVAL	CAPTAIN.	TONS.	CONSIGNEES.	DESTINATION.
Alice Muir	April 13	E. Henry	480	Captain	
Andromeda	Feb. 11	Schaeffer	1871	Melchers & Co	
Anna	April 9	F. Schildt	1255	Order	
Billy Simpson	April 2	Egler	432	Chinese	
Carondelet	April 3	Stetson	1376	Mitsu Bishi M. S. S. Co	
Ceylon	April 5	Barstow	617	Russell & Co	
Charlotte	April 14	C. Stern	820	Melchers & Co	
Don Enrique	April 2	McAllister	1312	Morris Roy	
Esmeralda	April 9	Jager	788	Melchers & Co	
Fanny	Mar. 29	Kendall	1476	Russell & Co	
F. F. Litchfield	Mar. 20	Spalding	1041	Russell & Co	Victoria
Frank Carvill	April 9	Chapman	1489	Captain	
Freihleh	Mar. 11	W. Moller	380	Wieler & Co	
Hercules	Feb. 5	Lincoln	1215	Order	
Levi C. Wade	April 9	Bagley	1452	Captain	
Margaretha	Feb. 17	C. Poppe	1228	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	New York
M. D'tschmann	April 9	H. Spierling	Ger. sch	164	Ed. Schellhass & Co
M. P. Tucker	Mar. 29	Smith	Amr. bk	622	Adamson, Bell & Co
Narcisink	Mar. 20	Welks	Amr. bk	725	Russell & Co	Portland, Or.
Paul Riviere	Jan. 29	Mullens	Amr. sh	1787	Captain
Penobscot	Jan. 21	O. G. Eaton	Amr. bk	1067	Russell & Co	New York
Rambler	Feb. 22	C. Fisking	Amr. bk	1117	M. B. M. S. S. Co
Ramier	April 10	Savary	Fren. bg	280	Carlowitz & Co
Raphael	Mar. 11	Sherman	Amr. sh	1465	Russell & Co	S. Francisco
Spartan	Mar. 31	Crossley	Amr. bk	749	Russell & Co
Tetcan	Mar. 27	Hyne	Brit. bk	438	Wieler & Co
Teutonia	Mar. 9	A. Spiecke	Ger. bk	681	Melchers & Co
Three Brothers	April 8	K